MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
Secondary, Middle and P-12 Education

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

• The 39 hour program can be completed in as little as 15 months. Many courses are offered in the evening or on-line.

• After completion of the first semester, candidates are eligible for provisional certification which enables them to be employed as a full-time teacher while they complete the program. Provisionally certified candidates start teaching at Kentucky’s Rank III status.

• Candidates receive the support of their peers throughout the program, which is organized by cohorts. Each spring and summer, a new cohort of candidates is admitted to the program.

• Graduates of the program begin teaching at Kentucky’s Rank II status.

Our Department

The Professional Education Programs at EKU are dedicated to preparing the highest quality educators and related professionals for Kentucky and beyond. Our graduates integrate content, effective pedagogical skills, and dispositions that foster life-long growth and learning. Being true to our heritage as a school of opportunity, EKU provides a climate that supports, challenges, and enriches students aspiring to careers in a diverse society.

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree is designed to provide individuals holding non-teaching baccalaureate degrees in appropriate fields the opportunity to acquire teacher certification in middle, secondary, and primary-12 education.

Areas of Certification

Grades 5-9 certification – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies. (student’s pursue 2 of the 4 options)

Grades 8-12 certification - Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, English, Mathematics, Social Science, Physics

Grades 5-12 certification – Agriculture, Business & Marketing, Family & Consumer Science, Career and Technical Education

Grades P-12 certification - Art, French, Health, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Theater

SECONDARY CURRICULUM

EGC 820  Professional Studies I: Teachers, Schools, and Society ........................................... 3 hours
EGC 830  Professional Studies II: Learners, Teachers, and Curricula .................................... 3 hours
ESE 774  Content Area Teaching Methods ........................................................... 3 hours
ESE 800  Exceptional Learners in the Regular Classroom ........................................... 3 hours
EGC 836  MAT Practicum ..................................................................................... 8 hours
EGC 837  MAT Practicum ..................................................................................... 8 hours
EGC 889  MAT Capstone Seminar ........................................................................... 3 hours
4 Courses in subject matter ........................................................................... 12 hours
selected from certification content areas

Minimum Program Total - 39 hours

MIDDLE GRADE CURRICULUM

COURSES REQUIRED:
EGC 820  Professional Studies I: Teachers, Schools, and Society ........................................... 3 hours
EGC 830  Professional Studies II: Learners, Teachers, and Curricula .................................... 3 hours
EGC 835  Content Methods and Curriculum for Middle Grades .................................... 3 hours
EMG 806  Literacy ............................................................................................... 3 hours
SED 800  Exceptional Learners in the Regular Classroom ........................................... 3 hours
EGC 836  MAT Practicum ..................................................................................... 8 hours
EGC 837  Middle Grades MAT Seminar ................................................................... 1 hour
EGC 889  MAT Capstone Seminar ........................................................................... 3 hours
4 Courses in subject matter ........................................................................... 12 hours
selected from certification content areas

Minimum Program Total - 39 hours

APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCESS

Application for the M.A.T. program does not guarantee admission into the program. Program candidates are selected based upon their qualifications.

Deadline for spring admission: November 15
Deadline for summer admission: April 15

The following requirements must be met by the application deadline in order to be considered for spring or summer admission:

1. Eastern Kentucky University Graduate School requirements.
2. M.A.T. program requirements:
   • Transcripts indicating a bachelor’s degree and any additional coursework from an accredited institution with an overall GPA of 3.00 OR a GPA of 3.00 in the last 60 hours of coursework OR a Master’s Degree
   • Transcripts are reviewed by a content area specialist to determine if you meet the minimum prerequisite course requirements. In some cases, additional undergraduate or graduate courses may be required in order to meet state certification requirements in the content area.
   • GRE scores of 350 verbal and quantitative OR a score of 388 on the Miller Analogies Test
   • Passing scores on the PRAXIS II exam in the content area (with the exception of candidates seeking music, which are required to take the PRAXIS II exams after admission to the program) Candidates seeking middle grade certification only need to pass one of their areas of certification Praxis II exams prior to admission and must complete the other prior to finishing the program.

If you take the GRE on or after August 1, you will need to check our website for updated score requirements.

NOTE: After admission to the program, but prior to graduation, candidates are required to pass the “Principles of Learning and Teaching” exam of PRAXIS II.
   • A professional resume
   • A professional autobiography (2-4 pages)
   • Three letters of reference documenting relevant life/ work/educational experience
   • Two “Dispositions” written assignments (see web site for details)
   • A background check
   • An interview